

Austin, Texas

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SIXTY-THIRD  
LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION, STATE OF TEXAS:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 14  
of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I herewith return to  
you H. B. 11 unsigned for the following reasons:

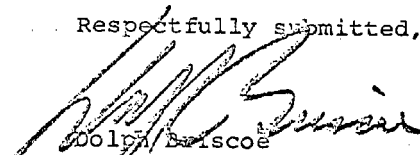
House Bill 11 changes the date on which the fiscal year  
of local school districts begins to July 1, 1975 for that  
year and each subsequent year, and further provides that the  
budget of the district be prepared not later than June 20th  
of each year, instead of August 20th as is provided by  
current law.

There is a conflict between this bill and a constitutional  
amendment that the legislature has presented to me for con-  
sideration. S.J.R. 8 provides among other things that the  
regular session of the legislature be extended from 140 to  
180 days. If the people adopt this amendment after submission,  
then in all probability the legislature would still be in  
session on the date the fiscal year of the school district  
began. Historically, the appropriation bills have not been  
passed until the last few days of the session. Consequently,  
the school districts would be unable to prepare their budgets  
with any accuracy as they would not have the knowledge of  
state appropriations which would be available for the coming  
year.

Further, House Bill 11 was a companion bill to House Bill 219 changing the date of the beginning of the fiscal year of the State to July 1.

House Bill 219 has not been passed by both houses of the legislature and my information is that House Bill 219 will not be passed this session of the legislature. A great number of conflicts will arise with school fiscal affairs if school districts are on one fiscal year and the State of Texas is on another fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor of Texas